

JOIN OUR TEAM

Team Based Early Intervention Services

Teams are the central structure for providing IDEA Part C services in Arizona's Early Intervention Program. The Key Principles of Early Intervention, state "The family's priorities, needs and interests are addressed most appropriately by a primary provider who represents and receives team and community support."

Every Early Intervention Program's Core Team includes a Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, Developmental Specialist. Teams also benefit from access to the expertise of a Social Worker, Psychologist, Teachers of the Deaf and of the Visually Impaired. Each Core Team has two to four Service Coordinators. The Service Coordinator, depending on a child's eligibility could be a part of the AzEIP contracted agency, DDD or ASDB. Together the Core Team shares a caseload.

All team members are crucial to support families enrolled in AzEIP. Teams meet weekly, using coaching, an adult learning approach to support families and one another. Each Core Team member serves as the Team Lead for some families, provides joint visits with Team Leads for others and coaches other team members during the weekly meetings.

Characteristics:

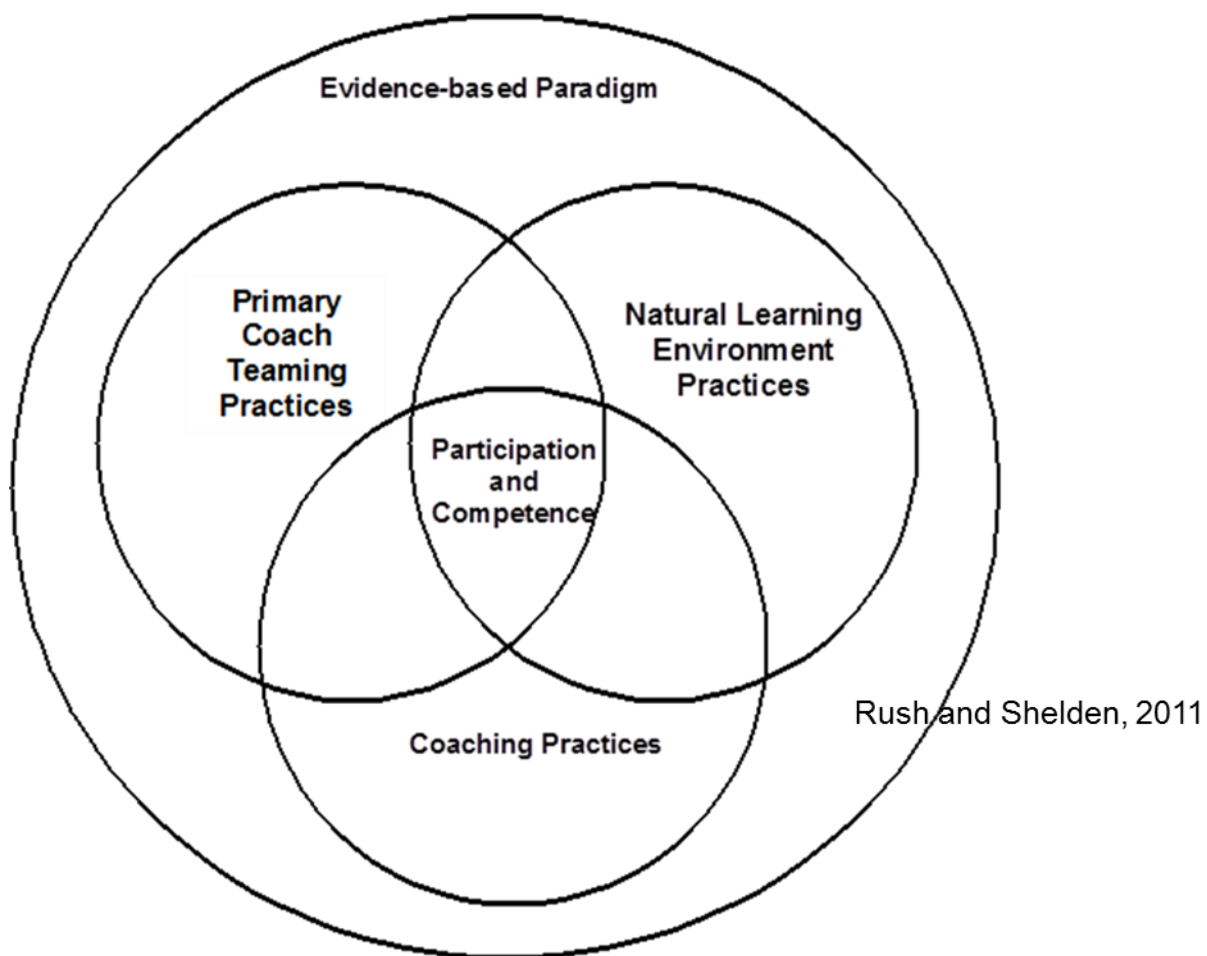
- Shared caseloads
- Supportive
- Teamwork
- Family-Centered
- Focused on child and parent interests and activities
- Flexible
- Responsive to family and team member needs for support

*The nice thing about teamwork
is that you always have others
on your side –Margaret Carty*



Your Role on a Team:

- * Collaborate with other team members to "enhance the confidence and competence" of caregivers of young children through assessing a child and family's priorities, resources and concerns and assisting a family to develop a plan to achieve functional participation based outcomes.
- * Share your expertise as applicable with families, other team members and during team meetings.
- * Facilitate family support and services through flexible, individualized and responsive interaction with the family and team.



Resources:

Shelden, M'Lisa L., and Dathan D. Rush. *The Early Intervention Teaming Handbook: The Primary Service Provider Approach*. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Pub., 2013. Print.

[AzEIP Policies and Procedures: Chapter 3 Early Intervention Services:](#)

[Early Intervention Mission and Key Principles](#)

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